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General's Wife Is 'Top Sergeant'

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Volunteer work is a sort of way of life in Mrs. Charles Pearre Cabell's household.

The wife of the four-star Air Force General, who is on duty as Deputy Director of the Central Intelligence Agency, says every year that she's "going to give it up"—"it" being various and sundry activities in numerous organizations ranging from one of her favorites, the Soldiers, Sailors, Marines and Airmen's Club, to her beloved Texas State Society, of which she is now president.

And every year it's the same. Instead of "giving it up," Mrs. Cabell is more apt than not to add a new activity to her list.

This year it's the United Givers Fund in which she is chairman of the Embassies Division, a post giving her "campaign cabinet" rank in the current UGF drive.

83 Embassies

Her duties are to head up the UGF solicitation in the 83 embassies here.

Aided by three captains, she must see that these official foreign residents of our city have a chance to participate in the community-wide endeavor, while guarding against any pressure which would make them feel participation to be other than voluntary.

This is the first time that Mrs. Cabell has served in the United Givers Fund campaign organization.

But for years she has been active in the S.S.M. & A. Club, now a UGF agency.

She also is on the board of the Travelers Aid Society, which is supported by the UGF. And she's currently chairman of volunteers of the USO Lounge at Union Station, another on the UGF list.

Her daughter Catharine, better known as Katie, adds to the family representation in the United Givers Fund.

Katie, now a senior at George Washington University, dovetailed work for the District Chapter of the American Red Cross—still another UGF organization—in her

summer schedule this year.

Beside taking a sociology course in the GW Summer School, she served in the Red Cross blood donor program at least one afternoon a week, took occasional duty on the bloodmobile and donned her Gray Lady uniform twice a week at the Home for the Incurables.

While her mother's activities have tended to be at the organization level, Katie's have been concentrated in personal service, since her days as a JANGO Junior nurse's aide at Doctors Hospital in her mid-teens.

Honors for Daughter

The pretty Air Force daughter, who made her debut here, has been a Regatta Princess, a Cherry Blossom Princess (representing Texas), is this year's Queen of the Air Force ROTC at G.W. and has just ended a term as vice president of G.W.'s Gamma Kappa Chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta.

Mrs. Cabell's varied interests also include the Air Force Officers Wives Club, the American Newspaper Women's Club (she's the associate member on the board) and the National Speech Foundation. And she's just been elected to the National Society of Arts and Letters.

Somehow, she always seems to end up with mammoth jobs, such as sending out 5,000 invitations to the benefit Festival of Music staged by the Air Force Officers Wives Club in the spring.

"The dining room table was literally covered," she laughed. "Gen. Cabell had to get off a tray in the den!"

Katie admired her mother's technique in getting help with the job. "She even had my unsuspecting dates come over and lick stamps!" she teased.

Gen. Cabell apparently takes such emergencies with good humor.

Does he think his wife should be a general, too?

"No, he thinks I'm more like this," Mrs. Cabell said, holding up a figurine caricaturing a "tough top sergeant."

"He calls this his favorite portrait of me!"



Mrs. Charles P. Cabell and her daughter Katie form a mother-daughter duo working in the interest of United Givers Fund agencies, Katie as a volunteer in the District Red Cross blood donor program. Mrs. Cabell is chairman of the Embassies Division in the current UGF campaign.—Star Staff Photo.